trading system and regional cooperation, compliance with WTO notification requirements, and dispute settlement body of the WTO. It was decided to engage in Ministerial level consultations among G-15 countries before the WTO Singapore Conference.

The Summit addressed the problem of unsustainable levels of indebtedness in developing countries, including the least Developed Countries.

The Summit condemend all acts of terrorism and called for enhanced intra-G-15 coopertion to combat this problem. The Summit looked at the problem of corruption and felt that the fight against corruption should be responsibility of national governments within the realm of the national legislation.

The G-15 Summit sought to promote greater South-South Cooperation through joint development of projects as well as for expanding cooperation betweent the business communities.

1995-96 में परिधान निर्यात

561. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी० सोलंकी:** क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या मार्च, 1996 को समाप्त वित्तीय वर्ष में परिधानों का निर्यात 4800 मिलियन डालर के मूल्य के परिधानों के निर्धारित लक्ष्य से कम रहा है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है और किन-किन देशों को परिधान निर्यात में कमी आई है;

(ग) निर्यात में कमी के क्या कारण हैं और सरकार द्वारा इस संबंध में निर्धारित लक्ष्य को प्राप्त करने के लिए क्या कदम उठाए गए हैं;

(घ) क्या परिधान निर्यात को प्रोत्साहन देने के लिए कोई ऐसा विशेष कार्यक्रम तैयार किया गया है, जिसके अंतर्गत छोटे और मझौले परिधान उत्पादक भी अपने परिधानों का निर्यात करने हेतु प्रयास कर सकें; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

वस्त्र मंत्री (श्री आर०एल० जालप्पा): (क) से (ङ) वर्ष 1995-96 के दौरान सिले-सिलाए परिधानों के निर्यात इस उद्देश्य के लिए निर्धारित 4800 मि० अमरीकी डालर के लक्ष्य की तुलना में 4453.31 मि० अमरीकी डालर मूल्य के हुए।

यूरोपीय यूनियन तथा संयुक्त राज्य अमरीका को परिधानों के हमारे निर्यात हमारे कुल परिधान निर्यात का लगभग 70% बनते हैं। आर्थिक मंदी तथा फुटकर क्रियाकलाप में कमी आने के कारण संयुक्त राज्य अमरीका तथा यूरोपीय यूनियन के कुछ सदस्य राज्यों अर्थात इटली, स्वीडन, फिनलैंड तथा असस्ट्रिया को वर्ष 1995-96 में परिधानों के निर्यात में गिरावट आई।

परिधानों के निर्यात को बढ़ावा देने के लिए सरकार अनेक कदम उठा रही है जिनमें क्रेता-विक्रेता बैठकों, मेलों तथा प्रदर्शनियों में भाग लेना, निर्यात उत्पादन के लिए रियायती शुल्क पर पूंजीगत माल के आयात का अधिकार देना, निर्यात उत्पादन के लिए कच्चे माल के शुल्क मुक्त आयात के लिए विशेष प्रबंध करना, निर्यात ऋण की बढ़ी हुई उपलब्धता सुनिश्चित करना, आदि शामिल हैं। उपर्युक्त कदमों में लघु तथा मध्यम समूह सहित सभी क्षेत्रों के परिधान निर्माता शामिल हैं।

Indo-US joint Naval exercises

562. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of times Indo-US joint Naval exercises were carried out so far;

(b) the objective of carrying out these Naval exercises;

(c) whether the Indo-US Defence Policy Group (DPG) has finalised any fresh date to carry out Naval exercises next;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the preparations made to carry out joint exercises?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) Indo-US Joint Naval Exercises have been undertaken on five occasions between 1992 and October, 1996.

(b) Joint Naval Exercises are conducted in order to promote and strengthen contracts between the Indian Navy and the navies of other foreign

countries. Such joint exercises provide an opportunity to the Indian Navy to gain an insight into the operations and doctrines of other navies. These also enhance tactical awareness and provide the Indian Navy an exposure to the systems, equipment, thinking and procedures prevalent in other navies.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Fighting Between Nagas and Kukis in Manipur

563. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of houses burnt down due to fighting between the Nagas and Kukis in the North-East especially in Manipur as on date; and

(b) the amount sanctioned for reconstruction to bring normalcy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) Information is being collected from the concerned State Governments and will be furnished as soon as it is received.

Utilisation of Irrigation Potentials

564. PROF. NAUNIHAL SINGH:
SHRI MD. SALIM:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the target set for creation of irrigation potential during the Eigth Five Year Plan and the achievement thereto;

(b) whether there has been a gap between irrigation potential created through major and medium irrigation projects and their utilisation; and

(c) if so, the main reasons for under-utilisation of irrigation potential?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) For the Eigth Five Year Plan, the target set for creation of irrigation potential is 15.80 million hectares (5.09 million hectares through Major & Medium irrigation and 10.71 million hectares through Minor irrigation). Out of this, creation of irrigation potential of the order of 10.70 million hectares (3.08 million hectares from Major & Medium irrigation and 7.62 million hectares from Minor irrigation) is expected to be achieved by the end of Eighth Five Year Plan (1992-97).

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) A lag of a few years between the introduction of irrigation and its full utilisation is unavoidable as it takes time to construct field channels and to prepare the land for irrigated farming. Also, switching over from rainfed farming to irrigated qgriculture involves a major change in agricultural techniques which farmers take times to master.

Seizure of Contraband from Myanmarese Ship in Mumbai

565. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a ship flying a Myanmarese flag was intercepted by the port-zone police in Mumbai; if so, whether it was found carrying contraband arms and ammunition;

(b) if so, the details of the contraband and whether the same was found to be linked with international terrorism; and

(c) if so, the action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (c) A merchant ship "M.V. Pac Dream" (Myanmar registered) having 23 crew members arrived at the outer anchorage of Mumbai harbour on September 17, 1996. The ship had sailed from Haiti and carried 18 containers out of which 3 contained arms/ammunition. The rummaging of the containers was